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Remembering the Holocaust



Members of the Jewish Student Union placed flags on the grass near the Seventh Street plaza in honor of those who died in the Holocaust. Each flag represented 8,000 people who had died.

Victims of Nazi regime memorialized at SJSU

By Carrie Mattingly
Daily Staff Writer

In honor of Jewish Awareness Month, a flag memorial dedicated to Holocaust Remembrance Day, sponsored by San Jose State University Hillel and the Jewish Student Union, took place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Seventh Street plaza.

Ben Pastcan, a graduate student in library and information science, said it was his duty to remember the Holocaust.

"The Holocaust survivors are now dying," said Pastcan, a Hillel member. The rain did not interfere with the remembrance of the more than 6 million Jewish men, women and children massacred during the Holocaust.

A number of Hillel members took turns reading the names of those who had perished in concentration camps during World War II. They specifically emphasized the names of the one million children murdered during the Holocaust, and victims of the Auschwitz extermination camp.

Hillel member Brett Shore said this event marked the second year he has participated in the reading of the names. Holocaust Remembrance Day gave him a chance to remember that there was a day where Jewish people, like him, were oppressed and murdered for their beliefs, Shore said. Tuesday's event gave him a chance to remember his heritage, he said.

"With every name (I read) I can always picture a face, a person," said Shore, a public relations senior. "It makes me feel sad and angry at the same time."

During the Holocaust, a word derived from Greek meaning to "sacrifice by fire," the Nazi regime also targeted many other groups. Deemed racially inferior by the Nazis, gypsies, the disabled, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals and those belonging to the Catholic clergy perished along with the Jews.

Each miniature flag embedded between the green blades of grass represented 8,000 people who were killed during the Holocaust. Different colored flags represented the groups that fell victim to Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime.

"It caught your attention," said Michelle Amihan, a civil engineering sophomore. "It's pretty shocking. They should do this more often."

A sea of yellow flags represented the 5,866,000 Jews killed. Green flags represented the 400,000 gypsies killed. White flags represented 70,000 disabled people killed. Blue flags represented the 20,000 Jehovah's Witnesses killed. Red flags represented the 15,000 homosexuals killed and one orange flag represented the 1,034 Catholic clergy members killed.

Attendee D'Miles Salmon, stood for a few minutes in front of the statistical sign stating how many people from each group died during the Holocaust. With his binder open and pen in hand, he said the display was a lot to absorb.

"I wanted to soak up the experience," said Salmon, a teaching credential student. "I wanted to share (the information) with other people."

Hillel members handed out fliers containing a poem titled, "The Butterfly" by Pavel Friedman on one side and a picture drawn by Pavel Sonnenschein on the other. Both works of art were created while the artists were in concentration camps.

Eitan Gelber read numerous names from the many pages of those killed during the Holocaust. Looking for family and friends' names, Gelber said some of the names he read looked familiar.

Gelber, a descendent of a survivor, said it is important to remember what happened so it will not be repeated.

"My father is a survivor," said Gelber, a kinesiology major. "I would rather listen to my dad or another survivor or be in Israel today."



Bob Steed a graduate student in civil engineering, looked on Tuesday at the Seventh Street Plaza while Ben Pastcan, a graduate student in library and information science, read names of those killed in the Holocaust.

Some students took the time to read the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum pamphlet provided, listen to the readers and talk to Hillel members. Students passed by and glanced at the memorial. Some did not stop and did not look at the display.

Some SJSU professors stopped for a moment and showed support for the event.

"I'm glad they're doing this," Spanish Professor Anne Fountain said. "It's good to remind people. It is something that should never be forgotten."

Local ceremony honors the 'many faces of resistance'

By Daniel Hartman
Daily Staff Writer

A remembrance ceremony for the victims of the Holocaust took place at the County building Tuesday night in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

James P. McEntree Sr., director of the office of human relations of Santa Clara County, said the ceremony consisted of a very diverse group of people ranging from the consulates of both Denmark and Japan to choir members from

Independence High School. "The theme is the many faces of resistance because there were other (non-Jewish people) who chose to resist (the Nazi regime)," McEntree said.

Japanese consul members Akira Tsubokura and Tsuyoshi Kitazawa said they were representing the rebellious activity of Chiune Sugihara.

Sugihara was denied a Visa to go to Poland to free the (Jewish people) so he went on his own and was able to help in their escape from the Warsaw Ghetto," Tsubokura said.

According to an informational handout passed out by Laurel Anderson, from the office of public communication, the Warsaw Ghetto was one of the best-known examples of resistance because less than 1,000 Jews held back Nazi forces for more than 27 days.

Guest speaker Paul Bloom, from the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, said the ceremony helped people to remember the ultimately good acts that took place in a time where many chose to follow the Nazis or turn a blind eye to the violence.

Aaron Browning, representative from Hillel at San Jose State University, was on hand.

"This is important to me because there are only a few survivors (of the Holocaust) still around today," Browning said.

Bart Charlow, the keynote speaker at the event, headed a section of the remembrance in which survivors of the Holocaust were called upon to speak.

Holocaust survivor Ruth Novice said it is imperative to remember his-

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State investigation on CMS postponed

By Falguni Bhuta
Daily Staff Writer

The investigative hearing on the California State University's Common Management System scheduled to take place May 1 on the San Jose State University campus has been postponed tentatively until May 8, according to a statement from the office of assemblyman Manny Diaz.

Drina Collins, a spokeswoman for Diaz, said Diaz would have to be on the Assembly floor in Sacramento Thursday afternoon deliberating the state budget. Gov. Gray Davis is expected to make another \$6.2 billion budget cut before the end of the week, Collins said.

Diaz is the chair of the Select Committee on Information Technology and is the organizer of the hearing. The Select Committee on Information Technology is a legislative committee that investigates state agency spending on information technology.

Collins said the goal of this hearing was to discuss what is going on as far as the state and the findings of the audit are concerned and also to give

people a chance to know more about CMS.

The new system is CSU's effort to integrate and streamline its existing administrative computing functions and to help manage the complex multibillion-dollar organization in the areas of human resources, finance and student administration, according to the CSU.

The hearing, titled "The Common Management System: A smart investment or not?" was scheduled to include SJSU President Robert Caret; California State Auditor, Elaine Howle; President of the California Faculty Association, Susan Meisenholder; and President of the California State Employee Association, SJSU chapter, Jeffrey Baldwin. CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed was tentatively scheduled to attend this hearing, Collins said.

Diaz introduced Assembly Bill 491 in February, a bill that would enact a comprehensive statutory scheme related to information technology projects at CSU, according to the CSU. This bill was introduced in reac-

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Dance group looks to educate about culture

By Veronica Mendoza
Daily Staff Writer

As a second grader, Judy Carlos learned about her Mexican culture by dancing for a folklorico group.

Now in college, she hopes to teach others about her culture through the new dance group known as Grupo Folklorico Luna y Sol de San Jose State.

Carlos, a senior majoring in nutrition and food science with a concentration in packaging, is a co-chair and a co-founder of the organization, which began recruiting members last semester.

Carlos said she thought of putting together the group after realizing that she wanted to have a place at San Jose State University.

"I really don't know too much about my culture, and it was kind of something I hold on to," Carlos said. "I wanted to join a club, an organization, and there wasn't anything that I was really into."

Carlos spoke to Mexican-American studies professor, Julia Curry-Rodriguez, about starting a folklorico group on campus.

Curry-Rodriguez became the group's adviser; Jose Lopez, a senior majoring in sociology and social science, became a co-chair of the group; and Malenda Wallin, a senior majoring in psychology, became secretary.

"Once Judy contacted me, I was totally for it," Wallin said. "Last fall me, Judy and Jose had numerous meetings and talked it over and kind of worked out the idea."

Wallin, who has danced folklorico for eight years, said it was important to the three co-founders to start an organization that teaches students about Latin culture.

"It's a totally different form of sharing with San Jose State and San Jose the Mexican heritage and culture," Wallin said.

Carlos said there are different regions

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Mariachi band plays at SU

By Annelinda Aguayo
Daily Staff Writer

The rain came trickling down Tuesday after the Aztec rain god Tlaloc was summoned by an indigenous dance.

Agua de Fuego en Movimiento, an Aztec dance group, was a part of "Celebrando Nuestra Cultura," a week-long Cinco de Mayo celebration being hosted by Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity.

"It's important to educate students about Cinco de Mayo," said Carlos Trujillo, a senior majoring in political science and the fraternity's president. "It's beneficial to students to learn about different cultures."

The Student Union Amphitheater was the only place students were able to see the three-member dance group in

elaborate Aztec costumes.

Macuilli Cozcacaulxochitl wore a black dress embroidered in gold with a wide headdress made of black and brown feathers. Her face was painted and she wore red, yellow and green feathers on her bottom lip.

David Yanez, the group's leader, wore a headdress with a fake jaguar head and tall brown feathers. He also had jaguar printed leggings underneath his turquoise sarong embroidered in heavy gold detail.

The third member, Jose Moran, wore a burgundy sarong with gold detail, and a headdress made of black and brown feathers that spread out like a peacock's tail. He held a shield in his hand with the picture of an Aztec god.

With their faces painted and their long black hair, both men resembled

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A member of Mariachi Perla serenaded a crowd of about 50 people in the stands Tuesday. The band played for about an hour.

opposing views:

Should the killing of a fetus

be considered murder?

YES | Taking a human life is the very nature of murder

NO | Defining it as murder could bring up legal issues

Laci Peterson, a 27-year-old woman with a big smile and one month away from giving birth to her first child, never got to see her son. Her body was found at the edge of the San Francisco Bay a short distance from the remains of her unborn son, who at the time of discovery could have been several weeks old.

Her husband, Scott Peterson, is accused of intentionally murdering his wife and unborn son.

If he is convicted, we should not let him get away with only one murder charge.

By accepting only one murder count, we are telling society that the baby's life had no value.

Even if Scott never had a desire to have a son, Laci and her family did. This child, who was already named Connor, was wanted and loved by Laci Peterson.

"By accepting only one murder count, we are telling society that the baby's life had no value."



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are ensuring that justice is served for both Laci and her unborn baby.

On the other hand, if Scott Peterson is only charged with one murder, it can have long-term effects on society's moral standard and stretch our judgment of what is acceptable.

Letting an accused murderer get away with such a cruel act, could allow other criminals to lose fear of being punished for such actions.

Ignoring the murder of this unborn child could jeopardize other women who are pregnant in the third trimester.

The case of Scott Peterson is not only about his son, but also about the moral standards our society is setting for crime.

According to the American Center for Law and Justice, murder charges can result if the fetus is older than seven weeks. They call this quickening under the law, which means it has constitutional protection to some degree, according to the center.

Legally and from a moral standpoint, if convicted of the crime, Scott Peterson should pay for the two murders by facing double murder charges.

A murderer is a danger to our society, and it is our obligation to make sure the same crime cannot be committed again.

According to the American Center for Law and Justice, a special circumstance is necessary to give the death penalty. Such circumstances include when a crime involves more than one murdered victim.

We need to ensure that justice is served to Laci and Connor Peterson.

Therese Bratberg is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer.

The issue of abortion and pro-choice is not what this case is about.

Scott Peterson is accused of taking his unborn son's life away from his wife, who had been carrying the fetus in her womb for 8 months.

It was an involuntary procedure at a stage when abortion, in most circumstances, is no longer an option.

The child is too developed.

According to Women's Life Stages, a baby in the third trimester has grown to its final birth weight, which is usually between 6 and 9 pounds. It kicks, stretches and sucks its thumb.

The only step left in the process is the baby positioning for birth.

Scott Peterson's son could have been alive if a cesarean section had been performed.

By agreeing that Scott Peterson should be charged with two counts of murder, we



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The Peterson case is a tricky and sticky situation. Although Scott Peterson has not been convicted of the murder of wife, Laci Peterson, he has been charged and arrested by Modesto, Calif. police.

Perhaps there are no shades of gray when the case is viewed from a moral aspect, but the lines and views are blurry and even messy when the case is presented in legal terms. According to the district attorney, Jim Brazelton is seeking the death penalty for Peterson for the murder of his wife and their unborn son.

Thus, there is a double murder charge filed against Peterson. This is where it gets tricky.

Under "special circumstances," according to the California government, California and 26 other states (not including New York) have adopted "fetal homicide" statutes ensuring that when a pregnant woman's unborn child is killed, prosecutors can seek a murder charge.

And what exactly is murder?

"Murder" is the unlawful killing of one human being by another, especially with premeditated malice, according to the American Heritage dictionary.

Laci Peterson is a human being who was unlawfully killed, and no one can deny her protection from the law, but is the unborn infant considered a human being? Should the law protect the unborn infant's rights? Does it even have rights?

The answer is no to all of the above, because a fetus is an "entity" that is in the womb of a woman and is still attached by the umbilical cord. According to the American Heritage dictionary, for a fetus to be a human being, it has to be an individual of specified character or it must possess a personality.

Therefore, a double murder charge filed against Scott Peterson is irrelevant and unsubstantiated.

Since the district attorney is seeking the death penalty for Peterson, then there is no reason why Peterson should be charged with double murder as long as he is convicted of first-degree murder.

Under California Penal Code 190, the law states that "every person guilty of murder in the first degree shall be punished by death, imprisonment in the state prison for life without the possibility of parole, or imprisonment in the state prison for a term of 25 years to life."

Also under Penal Code 189, there are three definitions to "first degree murder," but in a brief explanation, it is "intending or knowing that the person's conduct will cause death, the person causes the death of another with premeditation."

This can set a precedent to the term, "fetus." Sure, if it's still alive and it is legally aborted, it's a fetus. But once it involves the murder of a pregnant woman, the term "unborn infant" or "unborn baby" is used as if the fetus is an individual that is outside of the womb.

If Scott Peterson is convicted of killing his wife, his acts fit under the definition of murder in the first degree. Thus the death penalty can be the sentence for punishment. Therefore, a double murder charge is not needed.

If Peterson is convicted for two murders, this can give anti-abortion groups the advantage of restricting legal abortions and create loopholes in the legal system.

"Perhaps there are no shades of gray when the case is viewed from a moral aspect, but the lines and views are blurry and even messy when the case is presented in legal terms."



HUONG PHAM

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"It depends on how far along the fetus is. I think at eight months it does become a murder."

Laurianna Ceja

junior, business administration



"(If Scott Peterson) thought of his wife and his impending child as people he wanted to get rid of, then his frame of mind would be committing two murders."

Paul Wolf

graduate student, teaching credential program



"Have mercy on a person who is carrying a child. It's like killing humanity. How can one's conscience allow one to do that? I think that's ridiculous. It is a murder."

Richa Sooin

freshman, electrical engineering



"Yes, it is 'go to jail, go to hell,' all that stuff, it's bad. Once the fetus is a child, it's no longer an embryo. It's murder."

Courtney Cherry

sophomore, journalism



"It would be considered a murder if it is at a stage when the fetus has a chance of becoming a human."

Dao Huynh

graduate student, computer engineering



"I don't know. It depends on how far along it was. (Laci Peterson) was eight months pregnant, then yes, it is a murder."

Jennifer Johnson

senior, mechanical engineering

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NOT RANTING, JUST VENTING

Being called a bitch isn't as bad as it might seem

Bitch is a term that is widely used to insult women. In fact, women are often referred to as bitches just because someone feels like it.

"Bitchdom" is a poem that was e-mailed to me on Tuesday.

I was about to delete it because I thought it was just spam, but it turned out to be a little bit more than that.

The poem was a dose of encouragement for women everywhere.

Only women understand the struggles we go through, and the poem said it well.

When I stand up for my beliefs and myself they call me a bitch.

It is strange because growing up most people are raised to stand up for themselves whenever it is necessary. We are even taught to hang on to our beliefs.

For whatever reason, there are times when women do just that, and they are ridiculed for it.

A good example of this would be Joan of Arc. She was persecuted because she believed she saw God, and she was not afraid to admit it.

I know it was a different time, but it does not change the fact that she was doing what she believed was right.

When I speak my mind, think my own thoughts or do things my own way, they call me a bitch.

While people probably refer to her as a little more than bitch, Madonna is a woman who is always being criticized for expressing herself.

She is a bit extreme at times, but that is OK. Here in America, we have what is called "freedom of expression," although at times it seems that people have forgotten this.

I remember, when I was in third grade, Pepsi stopped using Madonna as a spokeswoman because of her "Like a Prayer" video.

For whatever reason, it was a big deal for her to be singing in front of burning crosses and kissing an African American Jesus. Personally, now that I am older and understand what she was doing, I find it to be genius.

After "Like a Prayer," Madonna had videos that were banned from MTV and other video channels.

"What it Feels Like for a Girl" off of her Music CD was the most recent casualty.

People found it offensive that the video portrayed her on a crime spree, crashing a car into a gas station and shooting people.

Gee, that kind of sounds like "The Shield" or "CSI: Miami," some pretty popular TV shows.

So what made Madonna's video so bad?

Maybe it was because she was portraying what women are not supposed to do.

Whatever.

I, for one, am glad that she did not and has not compromised who she is. Her career has been so successful because she stays true to herself.

Madonna is all woman, and the world has heard her roar.

When I refuse to tolerate injustice and speak against it, I am defined as a bitch.

Women have been fighting for equality and fighting against injustices toward them for years.

One of the first fights came in the 19th century when Susan B. Anthony became the ringleader for women's right to vote in elections.

In 1920 — 14 years after her death — she won her battle and the 19th Amendment was passed, giving women the right to vote.

During World War II, women picked up the slack while the men were at war. They became factory workers, bus drivers and mechanics.

They even played baseball while the boys were away.

While their efforts were appreciated by many, the men came home, and the women were sent back to their kitchens and vacuums.

Today, more women have become career girls, but we are still fighting for equal pay.

According to the 2002 Salary Survey, there was a three to 19 percent salary difference between men and women, with women making less.

How is that fair?

Something else that society tries to control is a woman's right to choose.

A woman has every right to do what she wants with her body. If she decides that she cannot have a baby, no one should tell her that an abortion is out of the question.

A person's body — man or woman — should never be controlled by anyone.

It means I have the courage and strength to allow myself to be who I truly am and won't become anyone else's idea of what they think I "should" be.

We should never allow anyone to tell us what we can or cannot do, or what we should or should not do.

Do not tell us that we have to get married and have babies.

Do not tell us our place is at home cooking and cleaning.

Women can be whatever they want to be.

We are doctors healing the sick, and we are teachers making a difference in children's lives.

Women should be allowed to live their lives however they please without having someone tell them they are wrong.

I want what I want and there is nothing wrong with that! And if that makes me a bitch, so be it. I embrace the title and am proud to bear it.

So ladies, the next time someone calls you a bitch, just remember that you are probably doing something right.

Annelinda Aguayo is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

This is the final appearance of 'Not Ranting, Just Venting' for the semester.



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SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located at 10th and San Carlos streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are 12:10 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Associated Students Campus Recreation

ASCR is offering fitness classes at the Event Center. Classes running today: Spin, Abs Only, Turbo Kickboxing, Night Spin, Hi-Lo/Hip Hop, Body Pump, Cardio Kickboxing, Contact Kickboxing, Stretch/Flex/Relax. For more information and class times, contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance

Meetings every Wednesday in the Almaden Room of the Student Union from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Nutrition Education Action Team

Free nutrition counseling by nutrition and dietetics students today from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Sport Club. For more information contact Jen Styles, campus nutritionist, at 924-6118.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

AACF is welcoming all to our weekly fellowships. To seek Him, to grow with Him and to have fellowship in His name, come join us every Wednesday night. We meet in the Almaden Room of the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Anh Truong at 605-9684 or visit our website at www.aacfsjsu.com.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

YFC - Youth For Christ meets from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student

Union. For more information contact Kay Politan at 938-1610.

Students for Justice

Weekly meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Multicultural Library (modular building A). For more information contact Christine Madore at (650) 533-1735 or 971-1070.

Career Center

Drop-in from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

College of Engineering

Symposium on Leading Technologies: Dr. Glenn Fox, director of the Forensic Science Center at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, will discuss "Catching the Bad Guys: Forensic science and its application to national security" from noon to 1 p.m. on May 1 in the Engineering Auditorium (ENG 189). For more information contact Professor Hambaba at 924-3959.

Peer Health Education Program

"Da smokin' showcase" will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. A dance will follow the program. For more information contact Idelle Fraser at 924-6203.

DisABLED Students Association

Guam and SJSU: the connection, the fun. Featuring speaker

Kathleen Cahill, M.S., R.D., tropical treats, nominations and voting for Fall 2003 officers and the announcement of the new Donna Ellis Honorary Award scholarship. Meeting will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacifica Room of the Student Union. For more information contact Patty Watkins, c/o the Career Center, at 924-6031.

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Associated Students Campus Recreation

Home run contest at 1:30 p.m. on South Campus field. For more information contact Rita Chandler at 924-6266.

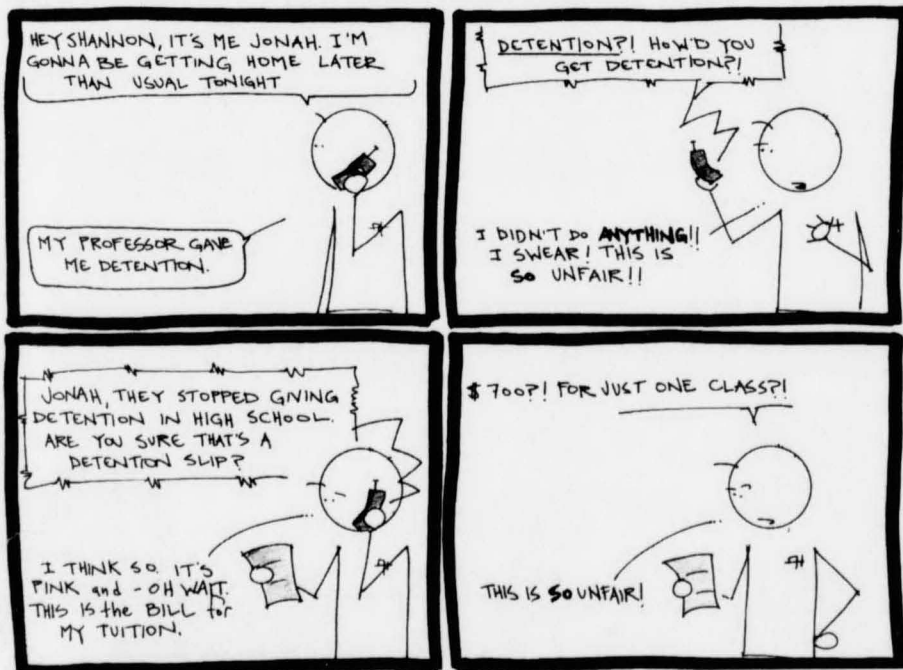




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Letter

Dear Editor,

On the campus were placed symbols to memorialize the Holocaust?

What about Polish people? Millions of them died because of executions or torture. And their holocaust lasted much longer than categories of people mentioned — about 10 years more after the second World War.

For me personally, as a Polish-American and a witness, it is an insult.

Piotr Gardias
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Workshop examines Hispanic community CLUB | Dances performed

By Kimberly Lapham
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University Cinco de Mayo activities continued Tuesday with an educational workshop about the current economic and political state of the Hispanic community.

Leo Cortez, a product manager at Cisco Systems, hosted the workshop in the Costanoan room in the Student Union, during which he presented statistical information about Hispanics in the United States and hosted a question and answer session.

"San Jose State has a pretty good number of Latinos," said Cortez, who is a founding father of Gamma Zeta Alpha, a Latino fraternity that co-sponsors the workshops. "It is important for us to understand where we can help the community and where the community wants to go."

Cortez said the Hispanic community is the largest minority group in the United States. There was a 58 percent increase in the nation's Hispanic population from 1990 to 2000, he said, and half of the 33 million-strong Hispanic community lives in Texas and California.

There is also a great amount of diversity within the Hispanic community, which is made up of people of Mexican, Central and South American, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Spanish descent, Cortez said.

During the presentation, Cortez, who migrated from Mexico to the United States in 1980, stressed the importance of advancing the Hispanic community by becoming more involved in politics, education and the community.

The Latino vote is critical in making the community's voice heard, Cortez said. In 2000, there was a 45 percent turnout from the Hispanic community for the presidential election.

Unless Hispanics start flexing their economic and political power, he said, laws that squelch the bilingual community would continue to be passed.

"Although it's the largest minority group in the United States, it doesn't have enough economic power to get attention from politicians," he said.

Economic power depends upon income, which directly correlates with the level of education, he said. Only 11 percent of the Hispanic pop-



Leo Cortez, a founding father of the Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity, which is dedicated to Latinos, spoke to Hispanic students Tuesday in the Costanoan room in a workshop to discuss diversity in the Latino community.

ulation age 25 and older had a bachelor's degree in 2000, and 43 percent did not have a high school education. "Regardless of whether or not you're a member of the Latino community, an advanced degree is going to benefit you in the long run," said Cortez, who received his master's degree from SJSU. "Having an advanced degree says a lot about you."

The number of high school graduates and those who get their bachelor's and advanced degrees needs to increase, Cortez said. The only way to do that is to encourage and promote higher education at elementary and high school levels, he said.

Another way to elevate the Hispanic community is to increase business ownership, he said.

In 1997, there were about 1.2 million Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, which generated about \$186.3 billion in revenues and employed 1.4 million people. From 1992 to 1997, the number of

Hispanic-owned businesses grew by 30 percent. Latinos are hard workers who believe in entrepreneurship, Cortez said.

He also said home ownership must increase, as only 46 percent of the Hispanic community owns their own home.

"Students are not given what it is to be a leader," said Cortez, who often speaks about leadership at events. He said students are taught leadership qualities but are not given the opportunity to practice leadership.

Jose Mejia, a junior majoring in history, is a member of the Lambda Theta Phi Latin fraternity and also wants to pursue a leadership position. He said it's good to see other organizations and their achievements.

"This is very educational," Mejia said of the workshop. "I took a lot of knowledge, like the statistics you don't hear in the classroom. I'm going to come to every single one because they've done a great job."

The workshops are not only to entertain but also to educate students, said Martin Ayala, the chair of Gamma Zeta Alpha's Cinco de Mayo activities.

"One of our principles is retaining our Latin culture," Ayala said. "The workshops educate people about what the Latino culture is made of."

The workshops also educate members of the public who might not know what Chicano really is, said Ramon Perez, a Gamma Zeta Alpha member.

Diana Rubio, the assistant to the activities coordinator at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, which co-sponsors the events, said the workshops are important because people need to learn about each other's cultures.

"It's to educate people about different cultures," Rubio said. "That's part of our mission here at Mosaic — to integrate more and learn more from each other and respect each other."

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in Mexico that have their own style of dancing, costumes and music.

Currently, the 10 dancers in the group have learned four dances from the region of Jalisco.

The four dances are "Las Olas," "Machetes," "La Negra" and "Jarabe Tapatio."

The dancers have been practicing every Monday and Wednesday since February.

Itza Sanchez, a senior anthropology major, is the choreographer for the organization.

Sanchez choreographs dances for the group that are original and unique to SJSU, she said.

It is important for folklorico dance groups to perform dances that are original, but maintain the basic style, music and costumes that are traditional to the region they are performing, Sanchez said.

Sanchez is paid to choreograph dances for the group, but said she feels like part of the group when they perform the dances she creates.

"Until they perform, it is no more than the vision in my head," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said she was excited about the dancers' first performance, which took place Thursday at Club Miami in

downtown San Jose.

However, practicing before the event was one of the most difficult obstacles for them to overcome, Wallin said.

They asked for dance space from the SJSU dance department without any luck, but Wallin said the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center has been more than generous to the group by not only providing them with a place to practice, but by also giving them \$400, which helped pay for their costumes.

Wallin said the costumes are very expensive, and they are still trying to raise funds to buy the men's costumes as well as costumes from other regions of Mexico.

The club's next performance will be for the Cinco de Mayo celebration that will be sponsored by the Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity next Monday.

Gamaliel Marquez, a freshman aviation major and a dancer for the group, said he is looking forward to the group's next performance.

"I'm a bit excited — it's been a while since I've been on stage," Marquez said. Carlos said the club is currently open to anyone who wants to join.

"This is not something that's only open to Latin people or (people with a) Mexican background," Carlos said. "We want people to come enjoy it, have fun and learn — that's what it's about."

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Aztec warriors commonly found in Chicano murals.

All three dancers wore armbands made of feathers, and rattles made of shells wrapped around their ankles.

"We came from Mexico to share our culture with all of you," Yanez said after the first dance. "Today we dance for our mother earth, the water, the sun and the moon."

From there the group performed the rain dance to an audience of about 50 people.

Only moments into the next dance — a dance to the night — light raindrops began to fall on San Jose State University.

After the dance to the sun, Yanez asked the audience members if they wanted to see another dance, but the group had to stop before it could start because the rain came pouring down.

Yanez thanked the students before they all fled from the rain.

Before the coincidental rain incident, Mariachi Perla brought the sounds of traditional Mexican music to the campus community.

Students slowly started filling the seats and lining of the Amphitheater as the mariachi belted out "La Negra," a traditional song from the state of Jalisco.

At the end of the second song, audience members started shouting out requests and the mariachi cordially obliged.

This group gave mariachi music a new twist as it played Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine's, "Conga."

Members of the audience kept requesting "El Mariachi Loco," and as soon as they heard the beginning, they broke into cheers.

At the end of its "Guadalajara" medley, Mariachi Perla bid the audience a musical farewell.

But before they could walk off the stage, the audience started screaming, "Otra, otra (one more, one more)."

Mariachi Perla began playing salsa queen Celia Cruz's "Carnaval," and the



Verna Kirkendall/Daily Staff

The band Mariachi Perla performed in the Student Union Amphitheater Tuesday during Celebrando Nuestra Cultura (Celebrating Our Culture), which will be held this week at SJSU. Gamma Zeta Alpha sponsored the event.

audience went crazy over the finale.

"(The event) was sensational," said Gamaliel Marquez, a freshman majoring in aviation. "It was good to see something cultural on campus."

Marquez said he feels such events give students pride in their school.

Janeil Reyes, a freshman majoring in pictorial art, said she enjoyed the event very much.

"It was fun, and I liked it," Reyes said. "I had never seen Aztec dancers before. It was really exciting."

Lupe Ramirez, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering and a member of Gamma Zeta Alpha, said he was pleased with the turnout.

"We really appreciate everyone who came out," Ramirez said. "We really hope that students danced away with something."

Occupational therapy a service for body and mind

By Norikazu Ambo
Daily Staff Writer

A wheel-chaired San Jose State University student, also a client at the occupational therapy department, showed his appreciation to his assistant with his smile after learning how to read the bus schedule. He was excited to be using public transportation independently someday soon.

April is Occupational Therapy Month.

More than 20 clients, occupational therapy students and instructors held a recreational assembly at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Central Classroom building.

Seth Prettol, a freshman who ended up in a wheel chair after an injury, said he is truly satisfied with the devoted support he's received from his individual assistant Marie Atwater and Marti Southam, an assistant professor who is also a clin-

ical supervisor in the occupational therapy department.

Holding a bus schedule and cellular phone, Prettol said, "I just called VTA right now. I'm on Outreach, so I'm trying to find a way to be independent."

Outreach is the transportation service that is designed for physically challenged individuals who require pickup, said Southam, who was named to the Roster of Fellows by the American Occupational Therapy Association last June.

Atwater, also a representative of the San Jose Occupational Therapy Association, said the occupational therapy program at SJSU is a "well-rounded and enlightening experience."

With sophisticated guidance by the "prestigious and exceptional" Southam, Atwater said she wants to continue more hands-on experience and become prepared for helping "real people in real life."

By touching and communicating

with patients in everyday activities, she said she learns the meaning of life through therapy.

Southam said some patients lost their own skills after physical injury. Several clients at the gathering were relearning how to do such things as making scrapbooks and cooking.

Each patient has individual needs, Atwater said. "Occupational therapy is essentially 'client-centered,'" she said.

There are two off-campus clinics in San Jose, each supporting children and the elderly.

Gordon Burton, chair of the occupational therapy department, said occupational therapy is one of the earliest holistic fields in western culture that "works from birth to death."

Occupational therapy also has physical and psychological benefits, he said.

Burton said since he realized his future career at Columbia University in 1970, occupational therapy has

become the center of his life.

"Occupational therapy is everything," he said. "I never looked back."

Occupational therapists are professional practitioners who are educated about human growth and development with emphasis on the social, emotional and physiological effects of illness and injury, according to the American Occupational Therapy Association.

In order to be an occupational therapist, an undergraduate is required to take certain academic courses, including anatomy, physiology, physics, psychology and statistics, said Mei Jen Chen, a senior occupational therapy major.

They also have to participate in 80 hours of volunteer work related to occupational therapy within three years of entering the occupational therapy program, which takes two and a half years, she said.

"Occupational therapy is the therapy of choice," Chen said.

U.S. troops open fire during protest outside Baghdad, killing 13

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. paratroopers fired on anti-American protesters during a nighttime demonstration, and a hospital reported Tuesday that 13 Iraqis were killed and 75 wounded, including three young boys. Soldiers said armed men had mixed into the crowd and fired at them from nearby buildings.

The deaths outside a school in Fallujah, a conservative Sunni Muslim city and Baath Party stronghold 30 miles west of the capital, highlighted the tense and precarious balance as Americans try to keep the peace in Iraq.

Americans and Iraqis gave sharply differing accounts of Monday night's shooting. U.S. forces insisted they opened fire only upon armed men — infiltrators among the protest crowd, according to Col. Arnold Bray, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 325

Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, whose troops were involved in the shooting.

"Which school kids carry AK-47s?" Bray asked. "I'm 100 percent certain the persons we shot at were armed."

Protesters insisted their demonstration was unarmed and peaceful.

Dr. Ahmed Ghandim al-Ali, director of Fallujah's general hospital, said the clash killed 13 Iraqis and injured about 75. The dead included three boys ages 8 to 10, he said.

Some residents put the death toll higher, at 15. Survivors said the dead were buried quickly Tuesday morning, in accord with Islamic custom.

No Americans were injured.

Other developments Tuesday in Iraq: —Two Iraqis on the U.S.-led coalition's 55 most-wanted list — a weapons expert nicknamed the "Missile Man"

and the governor of the southern province of Basra — have surrendered, the U.S. military and Iraqi opposition sources said.

—An Iraqi lawyer who helped U.S. commandos locate and rescue prisoner of war Jessica Lynch has been granted asylum in the United States, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

—The U.S. Army paid several thousand Baghdad policemen \$20 each and promised to bring in 4,000 more of their own officers, as Iraqis at a town hall-style meeting told the U.S. administra-

tor that security is their top priority.

—Professional thieves appear to have slipped in among the bands of looters in Iraqi museums, curators said as they urged U.S. authorities to tighten border security and stop the flow of stolen treasures.

—U.S. forces have made significant progress in restoring electricity and water to Baghdad and hope to resume television and radio broadcasts by week's end, the commander of U.S. soldiers in the city said.

—U.S. military officials say the United

States has moved a regional air operations center to Qatar from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, part of the reorganization that will take place in the aftermath of the Iraq war.

The shooting was the third reported fatal clash involving U.S. troops and Iraqi protesters in two weeks, underscoring the problems soldiers face as they try to switch from fighting to peacekeeping.

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A's roll up White Sox SJSU softball team pulls out a win

CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Singleton had a pair of RBIs against his old team, and Barry Zito out-pitched Bartolo Colon as the Oakland Athletics beat the Chicago White Sox 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Singleton, who spent three seasons with the White Sox before being traded to Baltimore in January 2002, drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the seventh. He finished 2-for-4 as the A's won their fifth straight. Eric Byrnes went 3-for-3 with an intentional walk, tying his career high for hits.

But this game was a pitchers duel, a matchup of two of the AL's best. Zito won the AL Cy Young award last year after going 23-5 with a 2.75. Colon was a 20-game winner, and probably would have been in contention for the Cy Young if he hadn't split his season between Cleveland and Montreal.

Zito (4-2) gave up two runs — only one earned — and four hits in seven innings, walking three and striking out three. Keith Foulke, facing his old team for the first time since Chicago and Oakland swapped closers in December, pitched a perfect ninth for

his seventh save.

Foulke is third on Chicago's all-time save list, but he was booed when he came out for the ninth inning.

Colon (2-2) allowed three runs and six hits in eight innings, striking out five and walking two. It was his second straight loss.

The White Sox got to Zito early, taking a 2-0 lead on a solo homer by Tony Graffanino and Aaron Rowand's RBI single. But after Rowand's single in the fourth, Zito allowed only one more walk and a single.

While Zito shut down the White Sox, the A's went to work against Colon in the fifth. Byrnes led off the inning with a single to right, and Singleton followed with a triple off the wall in center.

Mark Ellis followed with a sacrifice fly, tying the game at 2.

Colon made fast work of Oakland in the sixth, retiring the side, but the A's got to him again in the seventh. With one out, Byrnes doubled to left for his third hit and scored easily on Singleton's single to center for the 3-2 lead.

By Paulo Hernandez
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan softball team snapped a season high 12-game losing streak Saturday, splitting a doubleheader.

A victory over the University of Hawai'i ended the team's drought. San Jose State University was shut out in the first game as Hawai'i sophomore pitcher Melissa Coogan went the dis-

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tance for the 4-0 win. She allowed three hits and no runs in improving her record to 26-9.

The Spartans' starting pitcher, junior Kelli McCollister, allowed three runs on seven hits in four innings of work and took the loss. Her record dropped to 4-13.

SJSU was finally able to pull out a victory in the second game, winning 2-1. Spartan sophomore pitcher Carol Forbes led SJSU to the win, allowing one run on eight hits in eight innings to improve her record to 16-14.

Senior center fielder Becca Baldrige provided the heroics for the Spartans as she hit a solo home run in the top of the eighth to break a 1-1 tie.

Hawai'i's Shannon Tabion also pitched eight innings in a losing effort, giving up two runs on four hits. Her record dipped to 5-7.

The Spartans' head coach, Dee Dee Enabenter pointed out that her team was the only Western Athletic Conference foe to defeat Hawai'i on its home field. The Rainbow Wahine were 11-0 on their home field against conference opponents prior to the loss.

"We were happy about that, it meant more to end their streak than to end ours," she said.

"We'll continue to fight," Enabenter said.

SJSU dropped two games to Hawai'i Thursday, as it was shut out 4-0 and then fell 6-1.

Hawai'i's Coogan pitched the Rainbow



Ryan Balbuena / Daily Staff

Spartan shortstop Courtney Lewis scored a run against the University of Hawai'i Saturday in Honolulu to help break the team's 12-game losing streak. SJSU is slated to host Fresno State at noon on Saturday at SJSU Field.

Wahine to victory in both games allowing seven hits and one run in the two outings.

Enabenter said her team knew going into the series that Hawai'i is a tough opponent.

"They made some good plays, especially their shortstop," Enabenter said.

The coach said Hawai'i's Coogan was on and showed no signs of slowing down on the mound.

The Spartans' record now stands at 22-33 overall and 4-10 in the WAC.

Despite losing 12 games in a row, Enabenter said the Spartans are not discouraged.

"We don't think we're done yet," Enabenter said. "We still have a chance to make some noise in the conference. The motivation to do well is still there."

The Spartans next face Fresno State University on Saturday at the SJSU

Field. The doubleheader is slated to begin at noon.

The Bulldogs are 29-20 overall and 10-4 in the WAC. Fresno has a record of 7-3 as the visiting team.

The Spartans and the Bulldogs have previously met twice this season, with Fresno winning both times.

"We're really looking forward to playing them," Enabenter said.

Fresno comes into Saturday's games on a six-game winning streak. The Bulldogs' last loss was a 4-1 decision to the University of Tulsa on April 12.

Fresno is also in the hunt for the top spot in the WAC, two games behind Hawai'i for the conference lead. The Bulldogs hold a 56-4 series advantage over the Spartans since it began in 1986.

Enabenter said the key for success against Fresno is for her team to maintain discipline at the plate against soph-

omore pitcher Jamie Southern, who shut down the Spartans in their previous encounter this season.

"We have to put the ball into play," Enabenter said.

The coach said she hopes to build some momentum in the first game of the doubleheader and carry it over to the second game.

Even though her team has struggled to get positive results as of late, Enabenter said the outlook for the remainder of the season is good.

"It's not over, we have a chance to move up in the conference," Enabenter said.

"We have to take care of our business."

Even if the Spartans win their remaining eight games, the team will fall short of the .500 mark. However, if SJSU can sweep its remaining conference games, it can finish with a record of 10-10 in the WAC.

Lakers win; Wolves face elimination

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers snapped back to life, with everyone from Kobe Bryant to Derek Fisher to Robert Horry to Shaquille O'Neal showing championship form.

Bryant had 16 of his 32 points in the third quarter. O'Neal added 27 points. Fisher had 24 and Horry 12 Tuesday night to put the Minnesota Timberwolves on the brink of elimination with a 120-90 victory.

The Lakers lead the series 3-2. Game 6 is Thursday in Los Angeles, with Game 7 — if it's necessary — back in Minneapolis on Saturday.

If the Lakers play this way again, it won't be necessary.

Stretching a 10-point halftime lead to 21 by the end of the third quarter and to 30 late in the fourth, the three-time defending champions rediscovered their shooting touch and their offensive flow.

Fisher had five 3-pointers, and the Lakers — who were 12-for-23 from beyond the arc — shot 54 percent from the field. Horry, who missed his first 11 3-point attempts in this series, finally made a pair to help the Lakers overcome the loss of starting forward Rick Fox.

The blowout was a big disappointment for Kevin Garnett, the rest of the Timberwolves and their 20,098 fans.

Target Center, sold out for the first time this series, was roaring in the game's opening stages. It was nearly empty at the end.

Garnett had 25 points and 16 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who are now one loss away from a seventh straight first-round exit.

The Lakers are tough to beat when they get more than just a token contribution from players other than O'Neal or Bryant.

Fisher, who's had a streaky series, helped the Lakers get comfortable well before Bryant warmed up. He had all of his points in the first three quarters and finished 8-for-10 from the floor.

With the Lakers starting to suck the life out of the crowd, Bryant took over.

He drove baseline midway through the third, soared above traffic, used the rim as a shield and threw down a marvelous one-handed reverse dunk that stunned everyone who saw it and put Los Angeles up 73-55.

Horry, who scored a total of just 18 points in the first four games, helped check a frustrated Garnett on defense.

As the Timberwolves took a timeout late in the third, Garnett — fearing a substitution — turned and screamed at the bench, "Don't get me! Don't get me!"

Rasho Nesterovic had 13 points and Kendall Gill 10 for the Timberwolves, who lost the defensive intensity they had in the last three games and committed 17 turnovers. The Lakers turned those miscues into 29 points.

Celtics held scoreless in OT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers had the first overtime shutout in NBA playoff history, keeping the Boston Celtics from advancing to the second round.

The Pacers scored all five points in overtime and rallied to beat the Boston Celtics 93-88 Tuesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series.

The Celtics still lead 3-2 and are

returning to Boston for Game 6 on Thursday. Only six teams have come back from 3-1 deficits, only two since 1981.

Ron Artest finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds, making the go-ahead free throw in overtime after blocking Paul Pierce's shot at the end of regulation, and Jermaine O'Neal had 19 points and 22 rebounds.

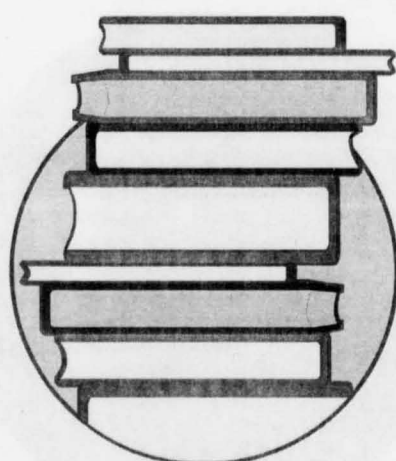
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